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Das Alte Ägypten. (Kulturgeschichtliche Bibliothek, Herausgegeben von W. Foy. 1. Reihe: Ethnologische Bibliothek. Mit Einschluss der Altorientalischen Kulturgeschichte.) A. WIEDERMANN.

In this book the well-known Bonn Egyptologist, Prof. A. Wiedermann, has furnished a brief sketch of 446 pages, in which the outstanding characteristics and rubrics of Egyptian civilization are catalogued and discussed, with notes and outlines. The book offers a very convenient survey of the subject, based for the most part on the available monographs and special treatises with which the author possesses a wide acquaintance. This treatise is intended especially to present the Egyptian people, their land and culture, from the end of the Stone Age to the incoming of the Greeks. The author has wisely chosen to offer only a very brief account of the writing and language of the Egyptians. It is perhaps regrettable, however, that the limits of the work have obliged him to treat both the religion and the art with similar brevity. On the other hand, the customs and usages are more fully presented. The literature is very fully adduced in footnote citations, for there are probably few scholars who have so industriously maintained a complete *zettelkasten* of the current literature in all branches as Professor Wiedermann has done. If the work lacks literary charm and readability, we must nevertheless be the more grateful for the wide range of citation in compact and convenient form which this very industriously compiled survey offers us. It is a book which every technical library of anthropology and culture history will find indispensable.

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SOME NEW PUBLICATIONS

Allen, Glover M. Dogs of the American Aborigines (Bulletin of the Museum of Comparative Zoology at Harvard College, vol. LXIII, no. 9, 1920, pp. 431-517, 12 pls.).

Czekanowski, Jan. Wissenschaftliche Ergebnisse der Deutschen Zentral-Afrika-Expedition 1907-1908 unter Führung Adolf Friedrichs, Herzogs zu Mecklenburg. Band VI, Forschungen im Nil-Kongo-Zwischengebiet. Erster Teil: Ethnographie, Zwischenseengebiet Mpororo-Ruanda. Leipzig: Klinkhardt and Biermann, 1917. xvi, 412 pp., 2 maps, 4 pls., 186 figs., 14 pp. of music.